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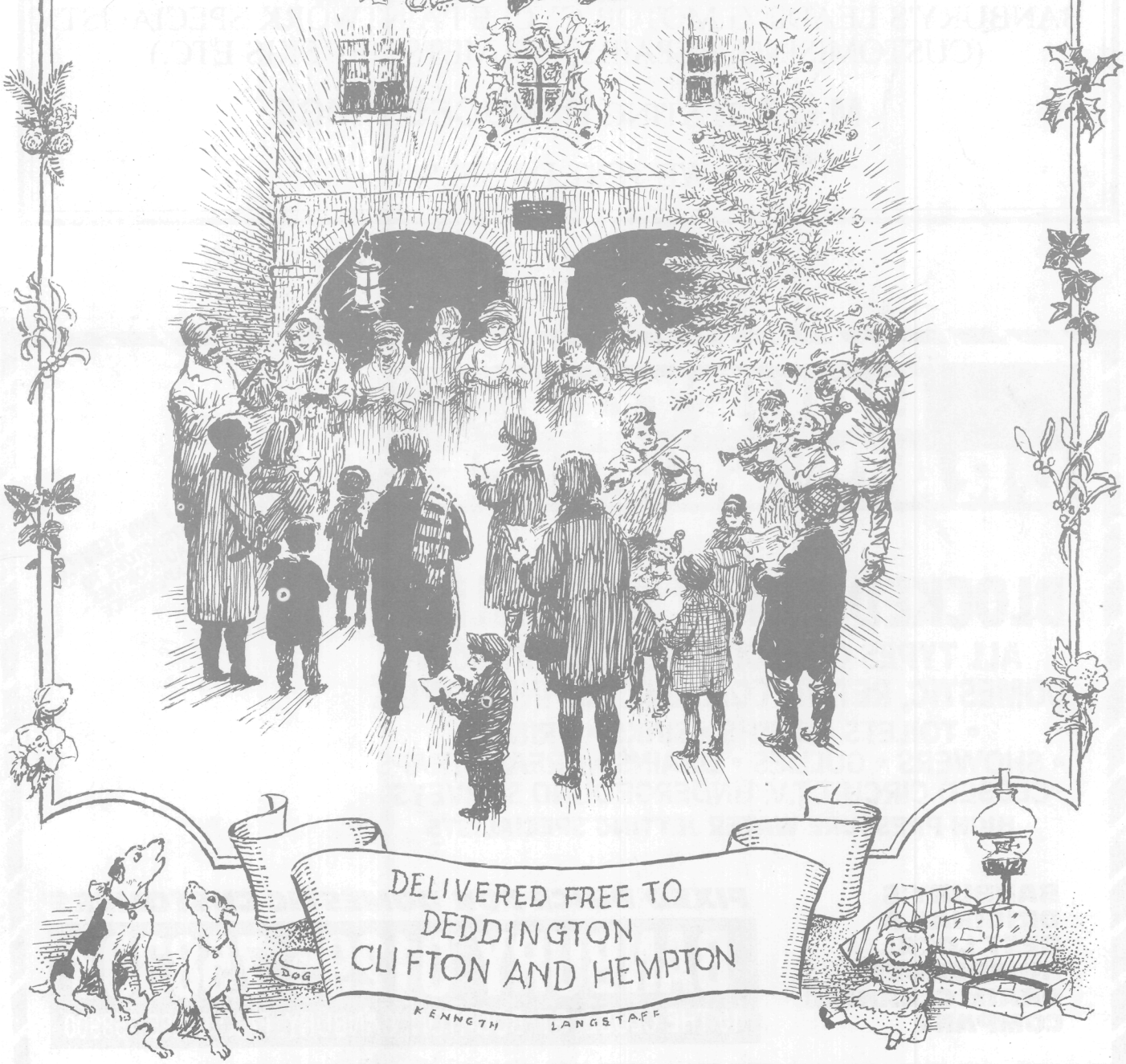

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EDITORIAL

Anyone who braved the diabolical elements on November 24 will, I hope, share my feelings that our Tree Planting Day (p.3) combined some of the best elements of what the community spirit is all about. In a different way I felt the sense of community on Remembrance Sunday - the Royal British Legion did a fine piece of organisation with piper and bugler; and how poignant it was to hear those names read out just before the eleventh hour struck.

So now we're galloping towards Christmas: lots going on, but let's hope not too much to take our minds away from those, near or far, who aren't so lucky. It's good to hear that our traditional Carols-in-the-Market-Place continue as a focal point for Christmas Eve.

Several items got crowded out of the November issue, most notably Deddington Contacts which you'll find up-dated on p.16. Also held over were extracts from the DN's November 1976 issue, now featured with those from December 1976 on p.10. On the same page it's good to see the return of the Rev. Cotton Risley (even if occasionally one could wring his sanctimonious neck!); you may recall some months of his diary were missing. Alas, though, it sounds as though tragedy looms.

Your help is needed: in the Churchyard (p.5); by Neighbourhood Watch (p.14); as ever by the Fire Service (p.15); and something rather different in the way of shared interest support (Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers, p.15). And please note the newspaper recycling arrangements (p.14).

It's only the blink of an eyelid to the New Year, and only three more blinks to the end of the Millennium. Daeda's Wood will be three years old then - and will we have a Millennium Map (p.11)? But first there's January 1997 - and, of course, our very own Panto (pp.4 & 7). See you there.

Happy Christmas and a great New Year to you all! Sylvie Spenceley

DECEMBER DIARY

For complete details of Christmas church services, see pages 5-6.

Fridays		Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10-12.
Sundays		British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.
Tu	3	Brownies: Play, The Foolish King, The Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm.
Fr	6	British Legion: " Solo Sound Disco", Party and Line Dance, 8.45 pm.
Sat	7	Christmas Bazaar, Hempton Church and Schoolroom, 2 pm. (pp 8 & 12)
Sat	7	Deddington Ladies' Party for the over-60's, the Holly Tree, 1 pm.
Wed	11	U3A: A Mystery Afternoon and Bring & Buy, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	11	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm
Fr	13	British Legion:"Galaxy" Disco, 8.45 pm.
Sat	14 - Sun 15	Santa's Float. (p 4)
Sat	14	British Legion: Children's Christmas Disco , 4 pm (p 9) : Colts Football Disco,7.30 pm.
Sun	15	Christingle Service in the Parish Church in aid of The Children's Society.
Wed	18	U3A: Christmas Dinner, The Deddington Arms.
Sat	21	Carol Singing around Hempton, 6.30 pm. (p 12)
Mon	23	Cherwell D C Sports Road Show Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 1-3 pm. (p 4)
Tu	24	Carols on the Market Place. (p.13)
Tu	24	British Legion: " Brian's Karaoke", 8.45 pm.
Wed	25	Family Crib Service, Parish Church, 10.30 am. Bring a toy for the children in Helen House Hospice.
Th	26	British Legion: " Out of the Blue", all ticket live band night.
Fr	27	Deddington Town Football Club Boxing Day Charity Match, The Windmill Centre, 10 am. (p 8)
Th	31	British Legion: " Moosehead", all ticket live band night.

NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN JANUARY. ***For January Diary please see p 15.***

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 20 November attended by Cllrs Todd (chair), Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Fisher, Flux, Hill, Lee, Stevens, Swash, C/Cllr Matthews and D/Cllr O'Sullivan.
MATTERS ARISING: 1. Wooden planter in St Thomas Street has been coated with preservative, planted by Mr & Mrs Canning and will be dark stained ASAP, which should improve its looks. 2. Footpath outside former chapel in Clifton has been marked as a footway.
PRECEPT 1997/98: 1. Clerk presented accounts: the Coat of Arms still shows a deficit and Cllr Oddy to report on this. Mugs and spoons are still available for people to buy. 2. PC agreed on a 50% precept, the same as for the current year, at £10.96 on a Band D property. 3. £2,000 to be set aside for a millennium fund: if you have ideas for projects contact the Clerk ASAP.
RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. School to be granted £528 for the purchase of musical instruments. 2. FC to be asked to demolish pavilion by 1 January. 3. Allotment charges to increase by £5 a year, with the first year free. 4. PC agreed to take over management of Castle Grounds from English Heritage.
ENVIRONMENT: 1. Deddington will enter next year's Village in Bloom Competition. Cllrs Cosgrove and Colley to sound out interest in Hempton and Clifton. 2. A plot has been set aside in the cemetery for the burial of cremated remains. The cost will be £15 for the internment and £6 for permission to erect a suitable stone, no bigger than 2'x2'. 3. Christmas celebrations will include a tree with lights, a Nativity scene and the usual carols in the Market Place on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Cllr Todd will provide the music and Cllr Flux will be MC.
HIGHWAYS: 1. CDC has granted 50% towards the cost of an additional street light. 2. Clerk to write further letter to Energis, expressing PC's dissatisfaction with the way recent cable laying work was carried out. 3. Letter from Clifton resident expressing disappointment that PC had not given priority to Clifton Road footpath. Clerk to write appropriate reply and Cllr Todd reminded Clifton residents to keep writing individual letters to OCC. 4. OCC to give a final sweep and vacuum to gravel dressing on footpath in New Street. 5. Clerk read letters from local people about traffic speeds in Earls Lane, Hempton Road and Clifton. Clerk and Highways Cttee to look into the possibility of traffic calming in these areas.
PLANNING: 1. PC has no objections to plans for modest two-storey extension to 15 St Thomas Street. 2. DC has approved: plans to extend Deddington Arms, subject to conditions; the change of use from residential to beauty salon at Red Lion Cottage. 3. PC discussed at length the Cherwell Local Plan and the draft County Structure Plan. No more land will be allocated to "significant" housing in Deddington, although it remains a Category 1 village and some infilling will be allowed. Cllrs to study the papers.
WINDMILL: 1. Following a long-standing dispute with the Bowls Club over the Club's non-payment of their share of fertiliser treatment, PC agreed to tell the Club the account must be settled by the end of December. Failure to pay could result in their agreement being re-considered.
HEARING LOOPS: Cllr Drake to look into the possibility of providing hearing loops for the Town Hall.
CORRESPONDENCE: 1. The Low Cost Housing Scheme is now viable and necessary instructions to be issued. 2. Mobile Youth Club to visit Windmill Centre weekly for 10 weeks. 3. Mobile police station to make regular visits to Deddington.
NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 11 December at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Apology: The DN apologises for any implication that the plans for Kings Cottage, High Street (PC Report in November DN) were deficient.

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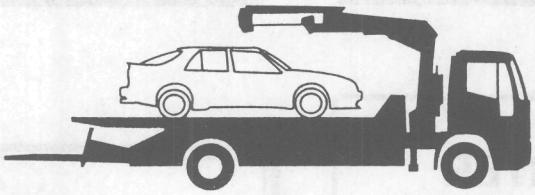

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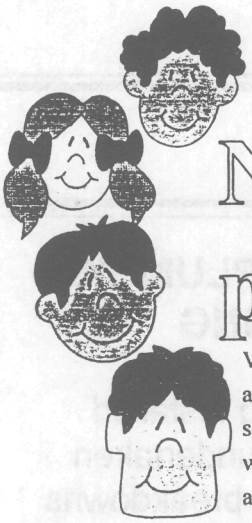

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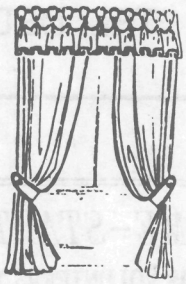

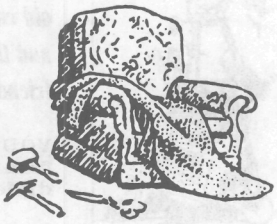

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The Planting of Daeda's Wood

Few empty fields can have been the focus of so much TV, radio and press coverage as the site of Daeda's Wood in recent weeks. BBC One were there earlier in November on a golden day and, more recently others followed photographing and interviewing, amongst others, some of our more intrepid younger inhabitants from Deddington School in a near-blizzard.

The field is empty no longer. Despite the foulest weather conditions on Planting Day, well over a hundred hardy souls - from toddlers to OAPs - arrived, mostly brandishing spades and proceeded vigorously to dig-for-Daeda. Through the driving snow it made a noble sight.

Among the shadowy figures was **Jamie Robinson** who explains the thinking behind Daeda's Wood: "So what has all the frost bite and mud slinging been in aid of then? Well, we all know why trees are important (see DN October edition). But this is no ordinary wood, the diversity of species has been carefully chosen by Jill Butler and the Woodland Trust team as being truly native to the upper Thames region. They have all been carefully sited according to the preferences for each species; oaks at the top to keep them dry and willows nearer the river to create a traditional riverine habitat. All are native broadleaves as have been found in the area for the last few millennia since the last ice age (if you can remember that far back!). This includes old favourites like oaks (some taken from cuttings from Windsor Great Park), about half a dozen different willows, black poplar, ash, downy birch, all of which will be around long after any of our readership. We will also see some new growth before too long, as the wild flower meadow will be planted in April and should flourish quite rapidly (more details later). Benches should be in by the New Year as will all the saplings."

And, of course, as things develop so will a whole new habitat for other growth and wildlife.

Friends of Daeda's Wood

We were successful in raising a grant from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council; the cheque will be put into a special clubs and societies account with Barclays in the name of "Friends of Daeda's Wood" by our treasurer Mike Williamson. This will be used largely to support the tree planting event on 24 November and then for wild-flower planting events next spring. What do you think of retaining our loose affiliation to promote further tree planting around the parish, continuing the grand work of John Scott? I would be pleased to hear your views. I'd also like to be contacted by anyone who can identify tree species and their seeds, anyone who knows about germinating them and raising saplings, anyone who has some ready to plant out, anyone who worked with John, or anyone who just wishes to add their name to our ranks.

Colin Robinson 338272

STOP PRESS - received from JOHN SCOTT, Wyken, Findhorn, Forres, Moray: Pamela and I wish the DAEDA TREE PLANTERS every success now and in the future. It gives us deep pleasure that Deddington will possess a wood of its own: history is made.

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Recent weeks have seen a number of field trips to local sites. As part of their studies on "Rivers", our older children have been following the course of the River Cherwell. They have visited the river at Cropredy, Somerton and in Oxford in order to observe its different stages.

We are also very pleased to have been involved in the planting of trees at the new Daeda's Wood. The children braved Arctic conditions as they planted the first trees in the presence of several representatives of the media.

Our sports teams have experienced mixed fortunes. The footballers beat St John's R.C. School (2-0) but lost to Bishop Loveday (0-3) in their first Cup match. Our netball team went down 3-5 to Sibford Gower. We also enjoyed competing in the Partnership tournaments at the Warriner School.

Please note that the closing date for applications for admission to the school for the academic year 1997-8 is January 31, 1997. This includes all children born between September 1, 1992, and August 31, 1993.

Peter Goringe

....and from the P.T.A.

We've had three recent events: the bonfire and fireworks, the craft fair and Stonewood Express Live. A good time was had by all who attended, raising funds for our children. We hope to repeat our successful Quiz Night at the Windmill Centre next year.

Our next event is **Santa's Float.** Starting on Saturday, December 14, at 5.30 pm he's visiting Barford, St John's Way, Mill Close, The Daedings, The Paddocks, finishing in the Market Place. On Sunday, December 15, starting in Clifton at 6 pm, he visits Earls Lane, The Beeches, The Leyes, Horsefair, The Bull Ring, Philcote Street, Goose Green, Hopcraft Lane, Chapel Square, Hudson Street, High Street, St Thomas Street, finishing in the Market Place.

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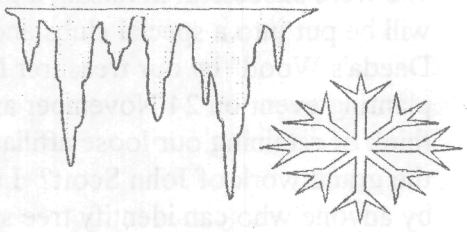

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Monday 30th December	Mollington Village Hall	Bodicote Village Hall
Tuesday 31st December	Steeple Aston Village Hall	
Thursday 2nd January	Tadmarton Village Hall	Christopher Rawlins School, Adderbury
Friday 3rd January	Sibford Village Hall	Bloxham, Ellen Hinde Memorial Hall

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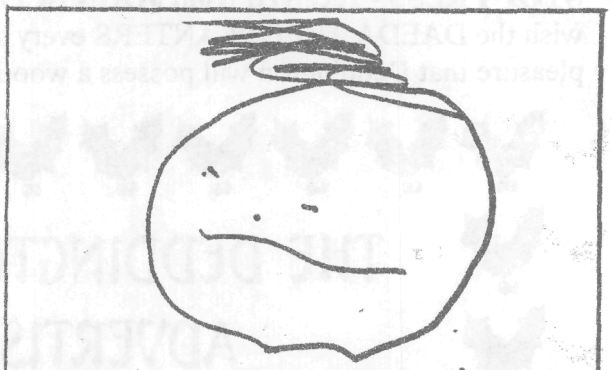

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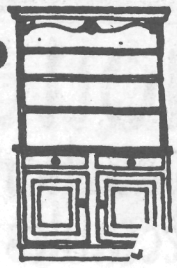

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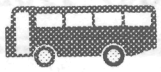

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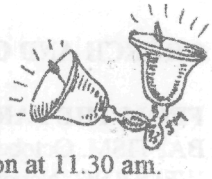

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December Services.

Sun 1 Advent Sunday 10.30 am Family Service with refreshments followed by Holy Communion at 11.30 am.
Wed 4 10 am Holy Communion.
Thu 5 2 pm "Squeals and Wheels" Pram and Toddlers' Service and St. Nicholas Party.
Sun 8 10.30 am Eucharist.
6.00 pm Advent Carol Service with readings and carols.
Wed 11 10 am Holy Communion.
Sat 14 12 noon Wedding of Philip Cliff and Sarah Nettleton.
Sun 15 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.
3.00 pm Christingle Service with collection for the Children's Society.

Wed 18 10 am Holy Communion.
Fr 20 9.30 am Deddington School Carol Service.
Sun 22 10.30am Eucharist.
6.00 pm Carol Service with readings and carols for Christmas.
Tu 24 11.30 pm Christmas Eve/Christmas Midnight Mass.
Wed 25 Christmas Day 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Family Crib Service followed by Holy Communion.
Sun 29 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.

January Services.

Wed 1 10 am Holy Communion. Sun 5 10.30 am Family Service followed by Holy Communion.
Wed 8 10 am Holy Communion. Sun 12 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 15 10 am Holy Communion. Sun 19 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) ; 10.30 am Sung Mattins.
Wed 22 10 am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing. Sun 26 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 29 10 am Holy Communion.
Sun February 2 Candlemas 10.30 am Family Service with Roly Bain, the Clown.

December Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 1 Advent Sunday 9am Eucharist. Sun 15 9 am Eucharist
Fr 20 7 pm Service of lessons and carols for Christmas.
Wed 25 Christmas Day 9 am Eucharist.

January Services

Sun 5 9 am Eucharist Sun 19 9 am Eucharist
Sun 26 6 pm Evensong.
Sun February 2 Candlemas 9 am Eucharist.

Our Work amongst Young People.

Playday for children (aged 5-11 yrs) on Sat 30 November 10am - 3pm. in Deddington Parish Church. In the morning there will be various activities, music, crafts, drama etc. At 2pm there will be a puppet show which is open to adults and accompanied children under 5 years. Cost for the day - 50p per child. If your child wishes to take part, please contact Caroline Richards (Tel 338946).

Children's Church (3-8yrs) and Junior Club (8 -12yrs) meet in Deddington School at 10.30 am except when we shall be in Church for 10.30 am Family Services on December 1, January 5 and February 2 and for the Christingle Service on 15 December. For further details ; Caroline Richards (338946)

Youth Fellowship (Over 12 years) will meet on Sun 8 December at 7.30 pm for a first aid demonstration in Hempton Church. Further details from Rev Edmund Newell (338988).

Christmas Day. Special Family Service at 10.30 am in Deddington Church. Children are invited to bring a toy or children's book, new or second-hand, which can be donated to Helen House Children's Hospice in Oxford.

Advance Notice. **Special Family Service on 2 February at 10.30 am when we shall have with us Roly Bain, the Church's Clown.** Ask him why he wants to be a clown and he'll tell you it's because he thinks God wants him to be and because he loves it. He is much in demand in Cathedrals and churches, has appeared on TV and makes regular trips to U.S.A.This will be a service not to miss. Children and their parents will be especially welcome.

Prayer Group will meet on Thu 5 December at 7.45pm in Corner Cottage, Chapel Square.

Bible Study Group will meet on Mon 9 December at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Deddington Churchyard. Help is needed to maintain the churchyard - cutting grass, clipping shrubs etc. One person has kindly volunteered but we need a few more people. Contact one of the clergy for further information.

Bellringers' Annual General Meeting will be on Thu, 23 January in "The Ivings", Philcote Street.

Hempton Church Christmas Bazaar, in the church and adjoining schoolroom takes place on Saturday 7 December at 2pm. (See elsewhere for details).

Friends of Deddington Parish Church. Discussions are taking place concerning the formation of an association of "Friends". If you would be willing to help with the planning of the association and/or could offer suggestions about its purpose and activities, please contact John Goddard (338122).

CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:
BAPTISM. October 27 in Deddington Church, JOSEPH SAMUEL MUNSON.
WEDDING. November 23 in Deddington Church, PETER GRAHAM NOTTINGHAM & LISA DIANE VICKERY.
FUNERALS. November 8 in Oxford Crematorium, JOHN CHARLES WRIGHT, aged 89 years.
November 18 in Deddington Church, WILLIAM FREDERICK (SAM) GARRETT, aged 80 years.
We should like to wish all readers a happy and blessed Christmas.
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Sun 22 10.30am - Pastor I. Walton.

January, 1997 services
Sun 5 - Holy Communion - Pastor I Walton
Sun 12 - Pastor I Walton
Sun 19 - Pastor I Walton
Sun 26 - Speaker from the Wesleyan Reform Union.

Christmas Day - Combined service with Congregational Church in the Wesleyan Chapel, 10am.
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December 1st - Mr & Mrs Eaton
December 8 - Mrs Pauline Ridd
December 15 - Mr R Dean
December 22 - CAROL SERVICE
December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY, United Service at Wesleyan Chapel, 10am
December 29 - Mr S English
January 5 - Rev A B Fox
January 12 - Mr M Shaw
January 19 - Mr G Keen
January 26 - Rev E Newell
February 2 - Rev A B Fox
K PALMER 338582

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CHRISTMAS EVE: At Hethe, carols from 11.30pm, followed by Midnight Mass.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Adderbury - 9am; Hethe - 10.30 am
Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

INTER CHURCH ACTIVITIES; Monday 2 December & Monday 6 January, 1997, Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place, 7.30 pm.

TRIBUTES.
WILLIAM FREDERICK (SAM) GARRETT, aged 80 years. Sam was born in Aynho in 1915 and went to school there. He then worked on the land, an occupation he continued during the last war. In 1939, he married Doris and they had 4 children. After the war Sam was employed by a building firm and later by Export and Packing Services in Chipping Warden until he took early retirement. Following their marriage, Sam and Doris resided in Deddington. Doris died in 1990, the year after she and Sam celebrated their golden wedding. Sam enjoyed soccer, bird-watching and gardening. For a number of years he served voluntarily with Deddington Fire Service. We extend sympathy to Les, John and Jenny, Bill and Kaye, and Mary.
Ken Reeves.
JOHN CHARLES WRIGHT, aged 89 years. John moved to Hempton with his wife Beth fifteen years ago, after living most of his life in Devon and Somerset, where he worked as a Civil Servant for the Ministry of Agriculture. In retirement, John enjoyed gardening and took up painting, only to discover that he was a gifted artist. John was also a keen member of the Fernhill Club in the Barfords. We extend our deepest sympathy to Beth and to his daughter, Pam.
Edmund Newell.

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Unfortunately we have been obliged to cancel our programme of Christmas carols and readings in the church planned for 7 December. We'll try again another year. The pantomime, however, is now in rehearsal and our splendid new curtains are already installed. Deddington's Panto is a real local product; our sets are painted and designed by local artists, our costumes devised in the village. This year our musical director has written some of the music, too. We hope to see you all in the audience. There will be 4 performances of The Snow Queen; 16 & 17 January at 7pm and on Saturday 18th a 2.30pm matinee and an evening performance at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale after New Year's Day at Tucker's Store or from me. For further details see the announcement elsewhere in the DN.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

It's Goundry Order time again! The order forms will be available from Betty Hill or Elizabeth Tothill at the beginning of December. Please return them by 3 JANUARY, so that we can collate them. Collection will be from Castle End as usual, during the last week in January.

Thursday, 23 January 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club. "A Garden for all Seasons" by Ken Booth of Pershore. Entrance £1 as usual to include light refreshments.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Recently we have been more than busy; learning First Aid, how to deal with fires, how to treat people with burns and lots more. My patrol, the Swallows, did an international evening, learning about objects, food and games which sister guides in other countries are used to. The Nightingales, our other patrol, have worn us out with their brilliant aerobics time. Mrs.Rampley, as ever, has been full of great ideas for us to try, such as interest badges, Patrol badges, new songs and games.

Well, over to Mrs.Rampley.....

HEATHER DOOLE

During half term we had a marvellous hike of 10km organised totally by Charlotte Morley (Patrol Leader).The route took us from Lower Heyford along the canal to Somerton, cross-country to North Aston and then Steeple Aston and back to Lower Heyford. Charlotte had arranged a quiz to keep us alert and interested all the way. We saw some fascinating buildings, helped a Narrow Boat through a lock, crossed 19 bridges and amongst other things learnt a bit more about map-reading.

Also in the last few weeks we have tackled various challenges including First Aid training and Keep Fit.

We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Ransom to the unit at her Promise ceremony.

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DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 1st Team Results

Byfield(a) B.Gregory Cup	Won	2-0	C.Doggett, P.Waller
Hook Norton Res(a)	Won	5-0	M.Springall, A.Shepherd, P.Kingham, L.Hayward, M.Hewitt
Byfield(h)Benev.Cup	Lost	1-6	C.Doggett
Priors Sports(h)	Lost	2-5	D.Cowley 2

A mixed month for the 1st team. On the League front a crushing victory was achieved v Hook Norton, five different players scored the goals including last season's leading scorer Michael Hewitt. Progress has been made in the Bill Gregory Cup but Byfield gained their revenge in the Benevolent Cup. David Cowley scored both goals in the league defeat against leaders Priors Sports.

Saturday Reserve Team Results

Hornton Res(h) D.Gibbard Cup	Lost	0-2	
Wardington (h)	Lost	1-3	S.Bentley
Wroxton Res(a)	Lost	2-3	T.Chatterton 2

A disappointing month for the Reserve team. An improved performance came against Wroxton. Youngster Tom Chatterton scored 2 excellent goals, but it wasn't quite enough to prevent a 3-2 defeat.

Sunday Team Results

Enstone(h)	Lost	0-2	
Baldons(h) Sam Waters Cup	Won	6-1	M.Nicholls 3, M.Hawkins, N.Coles, A Hambis
Real Armas(h)	Drew	1-1	M.Hewitt
Juniper(a)	Won	6-0	

A good month. A Martin Nicholls hat trick helped Deddington to an excellent victory over Baldons in the Sam Waters Cup. In the next round Deddington are at home to Stingers (1 Dec.10.30 kick-off). The other matches have all been league games; a superb result was gained against Juniper. This keeps the team on the top of the 1st Division.

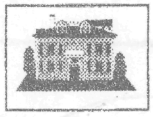
STEVE PLUMBE 01295/278258

CHRISTMAS CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

The traditional "Boxing Day" Charity Football match will this year be held at the Windmill on the day following Boxing Day (Friday, 27 December) at 10am. Two Deddington teams comprising existing players and others long retired will do a friendly battle and hope to burn off some of the calories stacked up over the previous few days.

All players pay for the privilege of taking part and a collection is made amongst those brave enough to watch. The total proceeds, usually about £50, are donated to local good causes. Perhaps other Village Clubs or Businesses would consider matching the club's contribution?

CLIFF SMITH 338647



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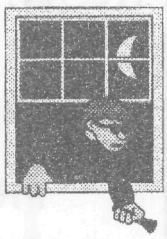

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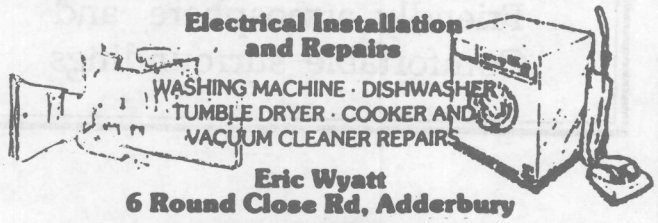

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Our November meeting was well attended to hear Mrs.Joan Cook give her practical tips for icing and decorating the Christmas cake. Mrs.Cook brought three cakes to ice, one for a child, a pretty box arrangement, another for an elderly person, small and well presented. The third was intended for general use and she kindly donated that to be the first prize in the raffle. It was won by Jean Perree. This was a useful evening and it may even encourage some of us to abandon our annual effort of a snow scene with log and Christmas tree effect.
The December meeting will be the occasion of our Christmas dinner; this year we shall be at the Joiners Arms in Bloxham. We send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to those members who will not be with us then, to past members and to those who may be thinking of joining us on 14 January, 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, when Nick Allen will talk about his book on Adderbury. RENE MAHONY 338348

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Mr.Basil Lawrence of Duns Tew recalled his experiences as an Oxfordshire Policeman, when bicycles were the main mode of transport. Once the formal business of the AGM had been concluded, a very enjoyable cheese and wine social helped to brighten a fairly miserable Wednesday afternoon. PAT BRITTAIN 338685

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Deddington's Remembrance Sunday commemorations were well supported and we are grateful to all who contributed in so many ways. We were kindly assisted by a piper from the Caledonian Pipe Band, and a bugler from the Salvation Army. As a result of the generosity of residents and collectors, this year's contributions to the Earl Haig fund has reached £2,305 so far. The total will be more than last year and we will let you know the final figure.
Your club has a full programme over Christmas and we do hope to see some new members on the festive evenings listed in the Diary. We still need more response in order to proceed with the Children's disco (now from 4pm to 6pm) on 14 December. Let us know if your family would like to come along. ROBIN HARRISON 337361

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Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for parts of the months of January and February 1847:

26th JANUARY - Mr. Philpotts and I went begging round the Town again with pretty good success for the poor.

29th JANUARY - I attended at the Vicarage from 12 till half past 2 o'clock, distributing soup to the poor, 60 persons again received it - for the first time from the soup fund. Our darling Betsy was out again for a quarter of an hour with her respirators, after being confined to the house for the last two months entirely.

31st January - The Church felt very comfortable from the effects of the two stoves used today for the first time - the new one exploded and cracked almost as soon as it was lighted - by no means an uncommon thing with a new stove. Our darling Betsy had a mustard plaster on again last night - after a long cessation.

1st FEBRUARY - Susan and I went to Banbury to consult Mr. H. Brayne relative to our darling Betsy (confidentially) previous to taking her to Town next week for advice. I was called in by two of my brother justices to say whether a person charged with arson on the College Farm premises should be committed at once for trial or be liberated on his own recognisance to appear to take his trial when called upon so to do. I decided that there was enough evidence to warrant his committal - in my own opinion - but that if bailed he ought to find two sureties of £25 each at the least, to answer for his appearance at the ensuing Assizes.

2nd FEBRUARY - Went to Mr. Field's office to examine witnesses against a gang of sheep stealers, all gypsies, all committed for trial at the Assizes. The old man, father of the others, contrived to escape from custody during the examination and was not recaptured for more than two hours - in a barn near Ilbury farm in this parish. Our darling Betsy did not leave her room today having had a blister on her chest last night - from which she felt some relief to her cough.

.....and twenty years ago

Some extracts from the November & December 1976 issues of DN

Remember our revival of the medieval "Pudd'n' Pie Fair to celebrate our Coat of Arms in 1994? Twenty years ago it came to Deddington as the annual funfair on November 11-13. *"From its early days the Martinmas Fair was known as the Pudding-Pie Fair because of the pies made specially for the occasion... about the size of a small pork pie, consisting of plum pudding surrounded by pastry. The pastry was made with mutton fat and formed an extremely hard crust 'like thick parchment' according to Mr Lewis, who doesn't remember them as being outstandingly palatable!".*

In the same November 1976 issue, Rev. George Palmer described how at *'the Guide and Brownie service 1000 children were packed in Church with parents standing in the Conference Corner... The colour parties, which seemed never ending, got soaked in a really heavy downpour.... but then (the Brownies and Guides) smile whatever the adversity...."*

Down the road *"The annual Hempton Harvest Festival this year took the form of a service of Baptism, when nine junior Church members - ranging in age from under a year up to seven - were welcomed."* And the correspondence columns produced the DN's first well-deserved bouquet: *"... there are always a few 'wet blankets', but I think many people feel (the DN) helps to make Deddington more united as a community...."*

In the December 1976 DN a concert in aid of the National Children's Homes was announced "*Susan Taylor's Dancing Academy have offered to take part and the other children* (all under 15) *are all young musicians, singers, etc. from the Deddington area..."* Admission was 35p for adults, 20 p for children and OAPs. Elsewhere the Jubilee Committee were announcing plans for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June 1977.

But DN-wise most interesting of all was the feature on p.24 by Gerard Sullivan on the Deddington Hall Management Committee, set up to arrange a programme of Further Education in the then Windmill Hall. He explained how, in order "*to publicise locally a programme of events provided by local organisations and the DHMC... an informal Publications Committee* (was set up) *to launch 'Deddington News'. Local traders have generously supported the venture with advertising and the Parish Council is making a monthly grant of £4 an issue for the first few issues. 'Deddington News' will continue after a 6 months' trial period only if it can cover its costs (roughly £16 per issue) from advertising revenue and donations, and if local groups and individuals keep sending in details of their activities, articles, letters and any news of general community interest."* Twenty years on....

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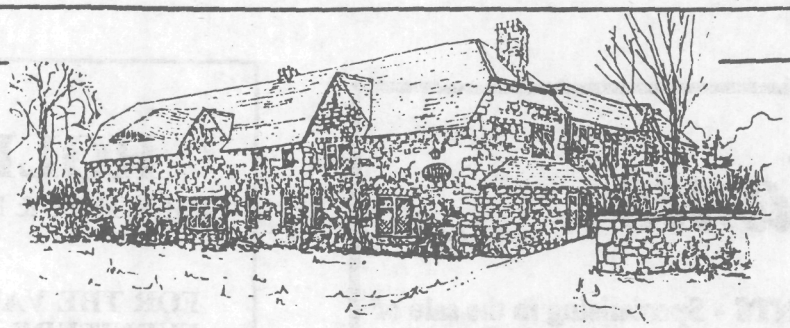

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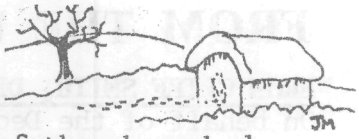


"Ice in November to carry a duck, the rest of the winter will be slush and muck!" It will have to be, if we are not to have water problems next year. The grain crops look well and most of them have had their winter weed spray with only one or two small patches needing treatment for slugs. The oil seed rape is very disappointing this year and we will have to plough out some 50% of it because due to the dry weather the seed did not germinate very well and it was too dry for the post emergence weed spray to work and we now have an almost complete cover of ducksfoot cranesbill which will kill out the remaining crop. We shall now plough it out and replace with Tic beans in February. Tic beans are used to feed racing pigeons and we are growing them on contract for a local merchant.

The ewes will soon start to be hand fed with oats and feed blocks and if the meadows do not flood they will stay out until the New Year. The local hedge layer has started to 'cut and lay' some of the high hedges on the farm. This has not been done for about 30 years. The hedges will then be allowed to grow and thicken out to about 8 ft. high before trimming. This should improve the wildlife habitat and will not shade out the crops on the headlands. He will cut about 40 chains this year and 40 next year. (A chain is 22 yards long - the distance between the stumps on a cricket wicket). We shall also pollard the willow trees on the meadows this winter as they are getting overgrown and collapsing. This was done about every 7 years and the branches used for 'mounding' (post and rail fencing) but today wire netting is used as it lasts longer.

The day to day work is now centred around the buildings, doing some of those jobs that should have been done before the summer was over. Oh well, perhaps they will get done before next summer! And perhaps I can catch up on some office work and prepare the dreaded cash flow ready for the Bank Manager's annual visit. He says it reminds him of his boyhood comics full of weird and wonderful ideas - well, just so long as it keeps him happy!!

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

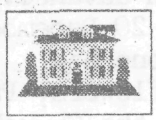
THE DEDDINGTON MILLENNIUM MAP PROJECT

Ideas continue to come in. For instance

- collect, catalogue and publish 'THEN' and 'NOW' photographs
- conserve and reinstate our fast-disappearing Blue Bricks
- ask local farmers to search out old documents and maps that record field names
- circulate a questionnaire asking everybody for their views on the Millennium Map project.

We will think about these and other suggestions and report back in the New Year.

BUFFY HEYWOOD, Deddington Manor, New St; BETTY HILL, Leadenporch House, New St; NORMAN STONE, The Stone House, Market Place.



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FROM CLIFF SMITH, DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

On behalf of the Deddington Town F.C. I should like to apologise for the obvious distress caused on Remembrance Sunday to those people seeking to observe the two minutes' silence at the Hempton Road Cemetery while a match was in progress. No disrespect was intended and indeed the silence was observed by players, officials and spectators before the beginning of the match at 10.30am. The kick-off time is fixed by the rules of the League, and failure to comply attracts a fine. However, the Club will be proposing to the League that the kick-off on Remembrance Sunday should in future be deferred until after 11am.

FROM ANGELA ORMOND, REDFORD ROAD, WINDSOR

Thank you very much to all my friends in Deddington for the good wishes, beautiful cards and generous gifts. I have greatly enjoyed living in Deddington and being part of a wonderful community. I hope to see you either in Windsor or Deddington some time in the future, but thank you once again for providing me with so many happy memories.

MARY ROBINSON would like to thank all the friends who have telephoned, sent cards and good wishes following the death of her sister, Helen, after a long cancer illness.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

On 4 November, John Wright passed away peacefully at his home in St. John's Way. He was 89. His kindness and gentle sense of humour will be sadly missed by his many friends in Barford and Hempton. The quiet funeral has taken place, but donations in his memory may be sent to Lake House, c/o J. and M. Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury.

Les Chappell, who is Chairman of the Friends of Hempton Church, has the following news for us: "The Friends have recently redecorated the Schoolroom behind the Church. New lights, curtains and carpets have been put in. Many thanks to everyone who helped. The room is now suitable for small functions; anyone wishing to use the room should contact Les Chappell, 4 The Lane, Hempton, Tel.01869 338054. The one drawback is there is no water or toilet facilities at the moment. The Christmas bazaar will be held at the Church and Schoolroom on Saturday 7 December at 2pm. Any gifts suitable for a Craft Stall, Bottle Stall or Raffle, or anything suitable for the Bazaar, will be gratefully accepted. We shall also be trying to fill a large drawing of a Christmas Cracker with pennies. There will be something for all the family, so come and enjoy yourselves.

"The Friends will have to pay for major repairs next year, so we hope to do better even than last year when we raised £ 800. Any gifts can be brought to church services or left with Pam Dodd or with any of the Bazaar Committee: Kath Morris (338413); Gina Mumford (338969); Jo Churchyard (338071). Many thanks in advance."

Looking even further ahead, the Hempton Carol Service will be on Friday 20 December at 7pm with the usual refreshments to follow. ALL ARE WELCOME. If anyone has ideas about decorating the church, or can spare any greenery, holly or flowers, Pam Dodd would be glad to hear from them. Any contributions may be left in the Church or porch on the Friday morning.

NAN HARRIS 338039

Carol Singing - On Saturday, 21 December, at 6.30pm residents of Hempton, including children, will be touring the village singing carols. Everyone is welcome to this community event - the more the merrier! Further info from **Sue Lane 338900**

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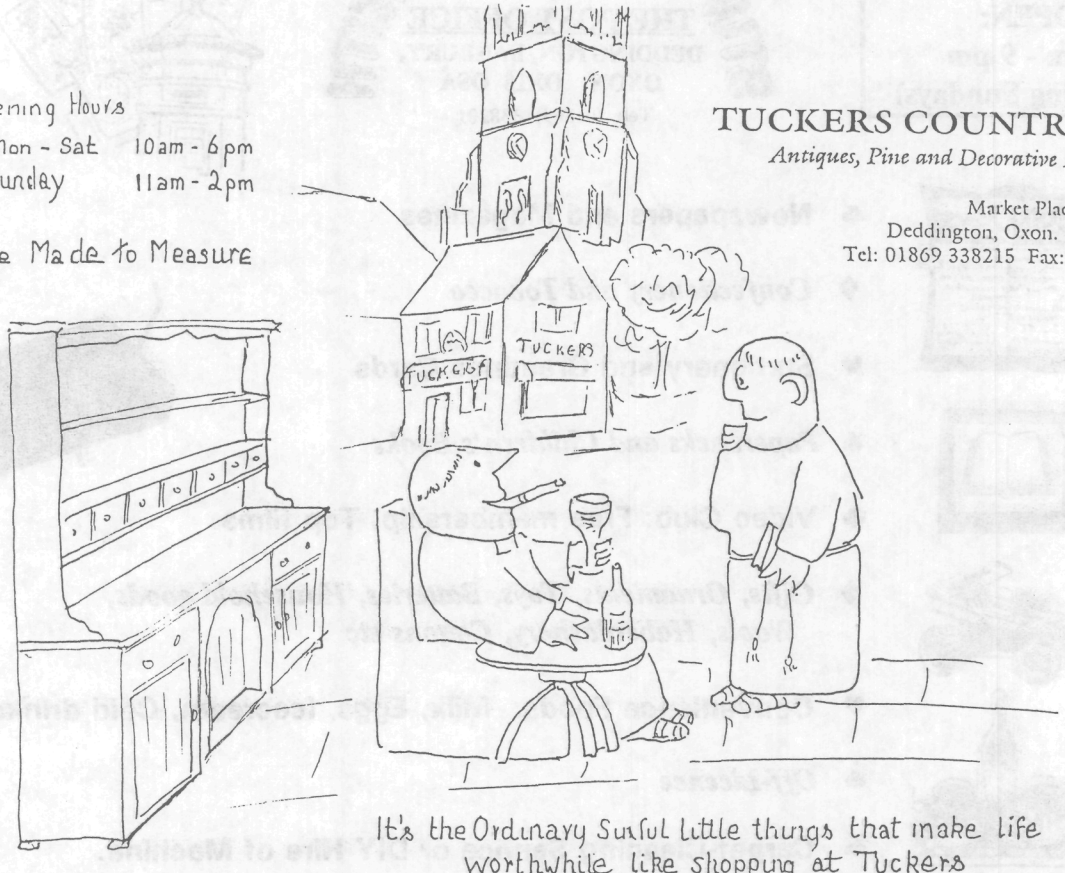

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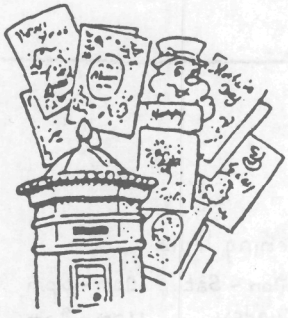

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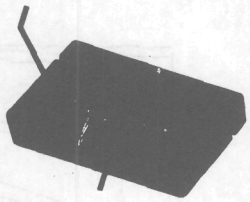

GARDENING NOTES

This year I have grown my vegetables on a series of beds each 16ft x 4ft. I first dug the soil well and used as much compost as I had available. I find that after the initial preparation of the beds it is unnecessary to dig with a fork or spade to make the beds ready for a subsequent crop; I only use a hand fork. By using these beds I find that it is possible to look after them without having to step on the soil. The beds have been treated with chicken manure which can be bought either as pellets or in powder form. Mushroom compost is added to improve the humus content of the soil. As a bonus I get quite a decent crop of mushrooms.
By using this method I have had a very good cropping season for courgettes and bush tomatoes, broad beans and runner beans, and the root vegetables.
I shall certainly continue to use the small bed system in the coming year as I find it is easier to weed individual beds during the growing season. The grass paths between the beds need to be cut but this can be done with a strimmer or even a lawn mower if the paths themselves are wide enough. This system is well described by Bob Flowerdew in his book on Companion gardening.
Happy Christmas, everyone!

OLIVER HAWES

Have you tied your tall evergreens round with twine? I forgot one year and the weight of the snow almost ruined our Sky Rockets. These poor things have had a hard time in our garden. They need a bit of mollycoddling for the first year or so. We planted two but they died and Ralph set them on fire one dry summer's night to get rid of them. The resulting pillars of flame were beautiful to behold. We planted two more. Only one survived. The other was again sacrificed to the God of Fire. We planted another. That one survived but of course it was much shorter than its companion and spoilt the symmetry of the garden. It has taken about five years to catch up, and the pair of them look good now. You might well ask why I bothered. The answer is that the Man of the House likes them.
So now, settle down to your Seed Catalogues, admire the pictures in the full knowledge that professionals have the edge on you where experience, right soil and manpower is concerned. Try not to fall for a tempting looking plant, but make a visit to your local Nursery where you can see what you are getting and get 10% off if you are a member of the Deddington Gardeners Club.

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POLICE NEWS

Mobile Police Station visits Deddington : On Friday 15 and Saturday 16 November officers from the Banbury Rural Sector linked up with Deddington's Area Beat Officer, PC Bob Donohue, in setting up a mobile Police Station in the Market Place. Beside giving the people of Deddington an opportunity to speak to local officers in the centre of their community, it enabled police officers to target areas which townspeople had identified as needing attention.
PC Donohue said "Everyone is pleased to see us. The idea of having a mobile police station enables us to get right into the heart of the community but at the same time possesss the flexibility to relocate quickly to deal with any problem that may arise." **Sergeant Keith Latham said** "Everywhere we go, local people are pleased to see us. From the feedback we have received we firmly believe our presence is having a positive effect in dealing with local people's concerns."
It is hoped that in the near future Banbury Police Area will acquire a new custom built vehicle to progress this idea.

SERGEANT KEITH LATHAM
PC BOB DONOHUE

Christmas : December sees a rise in the number of houses burgled, mostly during the late afternoon or early evening. We go out in the morning and return home when it is dark. Next time you come home in the early evening, stop and look at your neighbours' houses. I bet you can spot those with no one at home. So, **a few tips** to try and foil the burglar: 1) If you know it will be dark when you get home, leave a light on in the hall or on the landing and leave the radio playing. This gives the appearance that the house is occupied. 2) A burglar goes for new items still in their boxes, so don't leave Christmas presents under the tree - put them out on Christmas Eve. 3) If you are visiting friends or relatives over the Christmas holiday, revert to Tip 1). To everyone, have a Happy Christmas and, hopefully, a crime-free New Year.

PC BOB DONOHUE

N E I G H B O U R H O O D W A T C H ! : Mrs Jayne Taylor, Chief Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch for the Banbury Police Area, urgently needs a Co-ordinator for Deddington. Ring 01865-266654 for details.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING REMINDER As announced last month, a large skip will be placed in the School playground by the main gate on the second and fourth week-ends of each month. However **this excludes the week-end beginning December 27.**

A CANDLELIT CONCERT will be given on Fri. December 20 at 7.30 pm at Hanwell Church by The Warriner Choral Society (whose numbers include several Deddingtonians). Tickets £5 (inc. glass mulled wine), £8 (also inc. hot supper); £3 & £5 concessions). Tickets and info from **Julie Hart 01295-253747**

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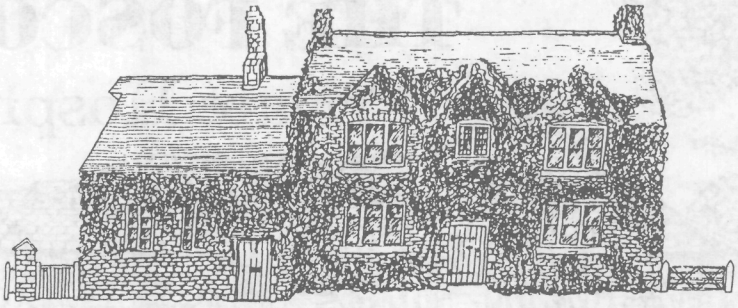

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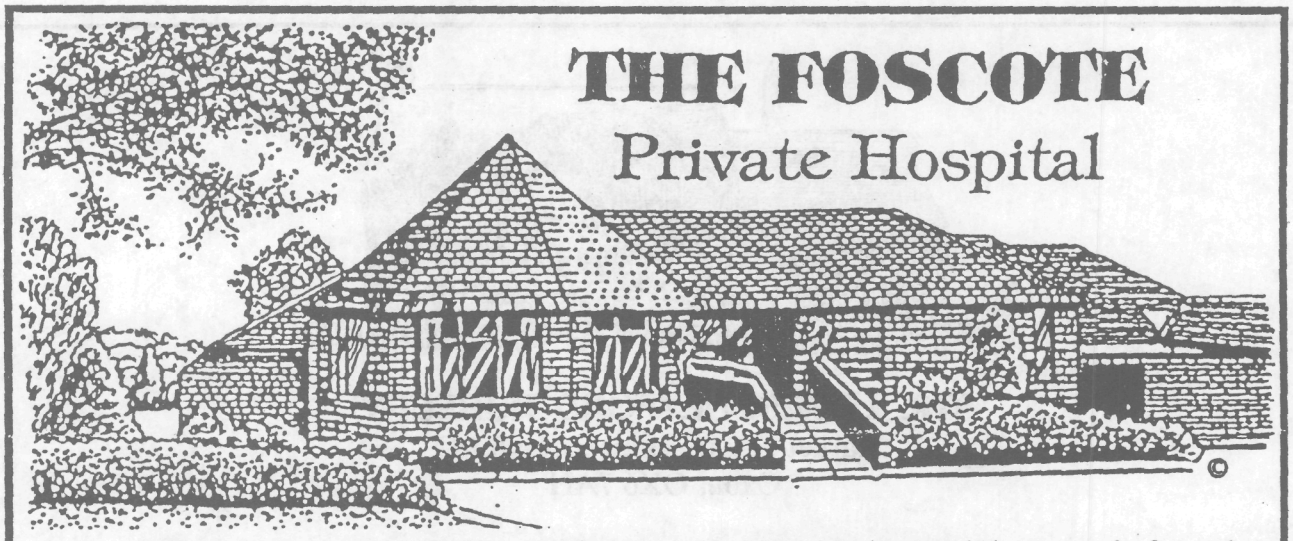

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Sundays		British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.
Fr	10	British Legion: "Solo Sound Disco", 8.45 pm.
Tu	14	WI: Why I Wrote The History of Adderbury, Mr N Allen. Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Th 16 & Fr 17		Deddington Players' panto, The Snow Queen, The Windmill Centre, 7 pm. (pp 4&7)
Sat	18	Deddington Players' panto, The Snow Queen, The Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm.(pp 4&7)
Sat	18	British Legion: "Night Shift" Live Band, 8.45 pm.
Tu	21	**COPY DATE FOR FEBRUARY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	22	U3A: Broughton Castle, Slide presentation, Mrs G M Cozens, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Th	23	Deddington Gardener:,A Garden for All seasons, Ken Booth..The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm Entry £1.
Fr	24	British Legion: "Galaxy Disco", 8.45 pm.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire Calls: A very quiet month with only 9 calls: 1 fire at Alcan; 1 barn fire; 1 tumble drier; 1 rubbish bin; 1 shop fire; 1 road traffic accident; 2 calls to straw bales on fire and 1 to stand by at Bicester. This brings the total to 133.
Recruiting: At the moment we have one applicant undergoing all the tests, and if he is successful he will give cover at nights and week-ends, which will ease the pressure on the rest of us but will not help the week-day situation. We still need at least 4 more people for day cover.
Christmas: With Christmas approaching once again I would urge everyone to be very careful where they position their decorations, ensuring they are well away from any source of heat, and to check the wiring on the lights before plugging them in and switching on. Finally, on behalf of everyone at Station A8, happy Christmas and best wishes for 1997.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943

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